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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : National Intelligence Officer for Warning

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SUBJECT : Warning and Forecast Report: Sub-Saharan Africa (U)

Community representatives and specialists met on 18 October 1983 with the NIO/AF as chairman. The attached report has not been coordinated with the other participants but is being circulated to them. If they feel their views have been misinterpreted, or if they have significant additional concerns, I'll report further to you. (U)


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WARNING AND FORECAST REPORT FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

SUDAN

President Nimeiri will be making a state visit to the U.S. in late November and, thus, the Community will be paying special attention to Sudan over the next several weeks. Preparations for the visit are taking place at a time when tensions in Sudan are rising as the result of Nimeiri's imposition of Muslim law throughout the country, his decision to divide southern Sudan into three regions and his arrest of Sudanese military officers allegedly involved in coup plotting.

So far, Nimeiri still holds the initiative and apparently has not lost [redacted] the levers of power. There are also some indications that he is attempting to assure non-Muslims that they will not be subject to Muslim law. An analyst from DIA reported that a U.S. military advisory team which recently visited southern Sudan found non-Muslim inhabitants there rather relaxed over the laws and doubtful that the central government would be able to enforce them in the south.

There is growing anti-government violence in the south, however, stemming at least partially from the banditry traditional to that area. The CIA analyst expects this activity to continue and possibly escalate over the next three to six months. [redacted]

DIA analysts remarked on inconsistencies and contradictions in the reporting from Sudan and suggested that they may reflect basic differences and some confusion within the various elements of Sudanese society.

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SOMALIA

DIA analysts expressed concern over growing tribal violence along the Somali/Ethiopian border and over the possibility that Ethiopia might attempt to exploit tribal-based animosity toward President Siad in an effort to topple the Somali government. Any widespread crackdown by Siad, or possibly even retaliation against Ethiopia, could pose problems for the U.S.

CHAD

Leonardo Neher, Director of the Office of African Analysis, State/INR, shared the following impressions on Chad, having recently returned from a three-week TDY as Charge in N'Djamena. The economic and social life in N'Djamena is active. The economy appears to be expanding because of traditional commercial activity rather than any government efforts, however. It is becoming increasingly clear within the Chadian Government that Habre cannot solve his problems militarily as he has in the past.

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